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LEOPOLD FITZINGER (1802–1884) IS ONE OF THE CLASSIC AUTHORS OF SYSTEMATIC HERPETOLOGY. FOR MOST OF HIS long career, he was a curator at the Naturhistorisches Museum in Vienna. His most important herpetological contribution was the naming of more than 70 genera that are in common and widespread use today. "Among the frogs we find such names as *Gastrotheca*, *Leptodactylus*, and *Pseudacris*; a salamander, *Salamandrina*, and the caecilian, *Ichthyophis*; several turtles, *Chelodina*, *Eretmochelys*, *Geochelone*, *Lepidochelys*, and *Psammobates*; and a large number of lizards, *Conolophus*, *Gonatodes*, *Mabuya*, *Psammodromus*, and *Stenodactylus*, and the snakes *Boiga*, *Chironius*, *Drymarchon*, *Elaphe*, *Lampropeltis*, *Malpolon*, *Psammophis*, and *Thamnophis*" (from the introduction by Robert Mertens).

Most of Fitzinger's generic names were proposed in just three of his publications: "Systema Reptilium," published in 1843 and reprinted by SSAR in 1973 (and still available: see below), and the two titles now being reprinted ("Neue Classification der Reptilien," published in 1826, and "Entwurf einer systematischen Anordnung der Schildkröten," 1835). In addition to these 70 generic names, Fitzinger designated type species (generotypes) for all genera of amphibians and reptiles recognized at the time, an action of critical importance in tying generic names to particular species. Moreover, other Fitzinger generic names have been resurrected recently — and others yet may be — as taxonomic revisions reveal new systematic arrangements.

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